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## **ISDA Announces Organic Certification Cost Share**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has announced that for the Fiscal Year 2014, individual organic producers (crops, wild crops, and/or livestock) and/or handlers are eligible for reimbursement of 75 percent of their 2014 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014) certification costs, up to a maximum of \$750, per category of certification.

Operations must possess current USDA organic certification to be eligible to receive reimbursements. Eligible operations may receive one reimbursement per year, per certificate or category of certification (if one certificate includes multiple categories). Each certificate may be reimbursed separately. Similarly, each category of certification may be reimbursed separately. Reimbursements may not be processed until the applicant is granted certification and all required grant agreement paperwork has been accepted. Based on the receipt of the completed application packet ISDA, reimbursements will be on a first-come, first-served basis until the limited program funds are exhausted.

Those interested in applying for the ISDA Organic Certification Cost Share can complete the application located [here](#).

### **ABOUT ISDA**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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